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BUNDY'S TROUBLES

Alberta, the Pie Cook, and Inspector Beck Fall to Let Him Get By.

Harrison Bundy, erstwhile Beau Brummel, of Pink Alley, sporting man, restaurant-keeper and operator of the leading crap game in the city, has fallen on evil times, for, after having been twice ordered to move from his establishment at 613 Pink Alley, he was arrested yesterday evening on the charge of cursing, assaulting, abusing, biting and otherwise inflicting bodily and mental injury on Alberta Lacy.

Bundy had been ordered by the police to move, because they deemed him a common nuisance. He has run a crap game since he was old enough to tell a deuce from a six-spot, and he has had hosts of friends and has made money. But recently, it seems, he has been careless, and he has let the game and the crowd get away from him. Several broken legs have resulted from jumps from his windows, and the police have been called for his dejection, having also suffered serious injury, for nearly every time she put them in the window it was necessary for somebody to jump out, and the athlete generally took window sash and pies with him.

His window sashes and pies cost Bundy a deal of money, and Alberta got tired of it all, and she made a "holer."

Then, after Bundy had been ordered by the police to move his headquarters to some other place, along comes Building Inspector Beck who has him that his abode is unsafe to live in, and he, too, orders Bundy to move. In despair, the crapster promises to move, and he was to have gotten out to-day.

Time had been allowed him, and it would have been easy to move the shack and the long and low case which he called his restaurant, and he would have gotten by. But Alberta and he talked it over yesterday, and she handed him a lemon tongue, and he handed her a couple of five-spots—in other words, his two lists. And Alberta, sorely tried and out of temper, made, come to a magistrate, and Bundy resumed his acquaintance with the police.

DESERTER ARRESTED

Soldier Liked Richmond and Overstayed His Furlough.

Luther S. Collins was arrested yesterday on a charge of being a deserter from the United States Army. He had been stationed at Fort Monmouth, where recently he was granted a furlough. He stated last night that he had overstayed the ten days which had been granted him, but gave no excuse other than that he had done like any other young man and had had fun under the circumstances. He is now in the city here, and he was caught while lying on a bed in her house. It seems that he found Richmond too far to break away from, and he spent here more time than had been given him.

His sentence, unless leniency is shown, may be six months behind the bars, with bread and water, for court-martial is a sterner thing than a magistrate's court. He acknowledged his guilt last night, but said that Richmond looked good to him.

Willie Smith, a colored boy, fourteen years old, was arrested on a charge of being disorderly and throwing rocks at William Berkeley.

Boyd Harris, colored, was arrested on a charge of threatening the life of A. Green.

Washington Meadows, white, was arrested on a charge of being drunk and disorderly and with resisting the police in the discharge of their duty.

REPUBLICANS SATISFIED

Leaders Returning From State Convention Say Their Ticket Is Good. There was much gossip among the Republicans about the Federal building yesterday, concerning the action of the State convention of their party, which held this week in Newport News. It appears that the nominations as well as the platform are satisfactory to the leaders. They do not say they will win; but many of them are disposed to believe that they will at least succeed in materially reducing the Democratic majority in the State. The day was a dull one about the building, more attention having been paid to a discussion of politics than to business, for there was very little to do except in the post-office, where employees are nearly always busy. Morgan Treat was apparently happy over the outlook, though he does not claim that his party will win the fight. He is optimistic, however, about reducing the Democratic majority in the State. Judge Waddill is still out of the city, being at the White Sulphur Springs where, with Mrs. Waddill, he is spending his vacation.

Confer as to Debt Matter. John B. Moon, chairman of the Virginia Debt Commission, was in the city yesterday, having come here to confer with Attorney-General Anderson with reference to the Virginia-West Virginia debt litigation. There was no development of interest in the matter.

STANDARD OIL

Secures Million-Gallon Contract for Supplying Municipal Gas Works.

Bids were opened by the Council Committee on Light last night for supplies of coal and oil for the Gas Works for the year beginning September 1, the total amount to be expended for these two items during the year exceeding \$100,000. The only bidder on supplying the works with refined gas oil was the Standard Oil Company, of New York, which offered to furnish 1,000,000 gallons, more or less, delivered in tank cars at the works, at 3.35 cents per gallon, this being nearly 1 cent a gallon less than the price charged the works for oil last year by the same concern. The contract was awarded to the Standard Oil Company, subject to the approval of the Council.

Bids on Coal. Atlantic States Coal and Coke Company first grade steam coal, \$2.75; second grade, \$2.69; steam coal, \$2.62.

Chesapeake and Ohio Coal Agency Company, gas coal, \$2.62; steam coal, \$2.50; bituminous coal, \$2.62.

Cabin Creek Coal Company, gas coal, \$2.63.

New River Coal Company, steam coal, \$2.50.

Island Creek Coal Company, gas coal, \$2.61; steam coal, \$2.74.

L. D. Crenshaw and Company, gas coal, one year, \$2.63; two years, \$2.68; steam coal, one year, \$2.75; two years, \$2.85.

All of the bids were submitted on United States government specifications, the coal being required to stand a chemist's test as to the amount of sulphur and other qualities. Representatives of several of the bidders were heard. The Chesapeake and Ohio Coal Agency Company claimed the lowest bid, and the present contractor, prophesied a rise in the price of coal, and advised a two-year contract, on which it claimed that its figures were the lowest. Representatives of other companies claimed that the coal would show on test steam and gas making records in excess of the specifications. The coal bids were referred to a sub-committee consisting of Aldermen Powers and Melton and Councilman Rogers, to examine the bids in detail, and, if necessary, to employ a chemist to test the coal.

BETTING ON THE CRUCIAL CONTEST

Tucker Man Shows Nerve, but Finally Lets Friend Down Easy.

Within the last few days there has been much betting in Richmond on the gubernatorial nomination. Though it appears to have begun in the lower end of the city, it has spread to the upper end, and is now being carried by the State over Tucker. One bet made on Mann at two to one over Tucker as to general results is known to have been reduced up to \$100 to \$200 at the instance of the Mann supporter. The man who made this bet is personal friends, and after much jollying he was having lunch. One of the lawyers who were having lunch, told the amount of the bet, though he said he was perfectly willing to allow it to stand at \$500 to \$500, as it was originally made. Later they wagered a smaller amount on Richmond city, the Tucker man giving the odds in this instance.

There is talk of betting on the fight for Commissioner of Agriculture, though it is not known that anything has actually been done along the line of betting money up on this fight. One of Mr. Koerner's supporters was around the hotel lobby last night displaying a healthy-looking roll of greenbacks, which he said he was willing to gamble on his favorite.

An interesting incident concerning the Mann-Tucker fight took place in one of the prominent downtown restaurants yesterday afternoon, when several lawyers and newspaper men were having lunch. One of the lawyers said that he had not made up his mind what he would do about the governorship, as he was not inclined to care much for either of the candidates.

Another lawyer proposed that Mann and Tucker ballots be placed in a hat, the betting money up on the fight, and he would vote for the candidate whose name he might happen to draw. He promptly took out the Tucker ballot, announcing that the contest had been fair and he would vote for the Valley leader on August 5.

City Mission. The regular monthly meeting of the Richmond City Mission will be held at the City Mission building, on Monday at 10:30 A. M.

SETTLING BASIN NEEDS MORE MONEY

Flour, Long Idle and Exposed to Sun, Buckles, Damage Amounting to \$1,200.

WANT \$5,000 FOR REPAIRS

New Water Pumps to Be Driven from Electric Plant Accepted by City.

Owing to the long delays in securing the use of the settling basin, the concrete floor of the coagulating pond has buckled, and will have to be replaced for several thousand square feet. Superintendent Davis, of the Water Department, called the attention of the Council Committee on Water to the matter yesterday afternoon, and a special committee was appointed to make an inspection and secure estimates on the cost of repairs. From Mr. Davis's statement it seems that the bottoms of the coagulating basins rest on "crack" land, not on rock.

After the failure of the flume the basins were emptied, and for some time stood exposed to the sun, and Mr. Davis believes that the drying out of the damp mud underneath caused the floor of the basins to lift. He thinks this will not happen again if water is kept constantly in the basins. His estimate of the cost of repairs is \$1,200.

At the same time he recommended that an appropriation be asked for fencing around the basins, for pumps for flushing the tanks, and for a waste valve in the head of the flume—all of the changes and repairs necessary to put the plant in readiness for operation as soon as the new flume is ready being estimated at about \$5,000.

New Pumps Accepted. Engineer Trafford reported to the Water Committee that the water pumps at the New Pump-House, to be driven by electric power from the city plant, were complete, and under test, having a capacity under full pressure of 15,000,000 gallons a day, instead of 16,000,000, as required by the specifications.

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Bellevue Richmond Can Be Connected With This Section by Auto Line. Thomas J. Downing, of Lancaster, one of the ablest lawyers and Democratic leaders in the Northern Neck section of the State, who is in the city on business, is enthusiastic over the proposition to run an automobile stage line from this city to the end of the Northern Neck, so as to give that community direct connection with this city.

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GRAND JURY MAY ELECT TO-DAY

Charge That Poll Taxes in Manchester Were Paid by Politicians Being Vigorously Sifted.

CITIZENS MUCH EXCITED

Street Reports Have It That One Young Man May Be Indicted.

After examining about a dozen more witnesses during morning and afternoon sessions, the Manchester grand jury, called to inquire into alleged registration frauds, supposed to have been committed so that certain people might vote in the primary on August 5, or in a possible local option election, or in the gubernatorial primary, between Richmond and Manchester, should that ever arise, was adjourned yesterday to 9 o'clock this morning.

It is probable that the inquiry will be completed this morning, probably before noon, and that at least one indictment will be returned by the grand jury. The result may, indeed, be far more sweeping, and may include, in a number of indictments, all who are alleged to have been directly or indirectly concerned in the alleged frauds.

Many include Citizens. In the grand jury, which is composed of a number of citizens and the grand jury seems to be attempting to find sufficient evidence to indict a politician for distributing money among persons who were in arrears in their taxes, and would, therefore, have been directed from taking part in any election.

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HOLD CONFERENCE WITH OTHER CITIES

Resolution Forwarded to Council Asking Co-operation of Virginia Municipalities.

LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT

Cities May Ask Legislature for Constitutional Changes Looking to This End.

At a meeting of the Special Committee on Changes in the Form of City Government, held at the office of Chairman Cutchins yesterday afternoon, it became evident that the committee was evenly divided on its report to the Council. Chairman Cutchins and Councilman Richardson, taking one side, with Aldermen Powers and Gunst dissenting. Councilman Mitchell, of this committee, is in Europe.

It is probable that since no committee report can be made, that all of the papers will be forwarded to the Council on Monday night, to be printed and printed for information as to the nature of the investigation and conclusions of the committee. Certain points have been agreed upon, and the work of the committee is by no means without result.

Ask Constitutional Change. The committee recommended to the Council the appointment of a special committee to co-operate with a similar committee already appointed from the Lynchburg city government, and with such committees from other cities as may hereafter be appointed, with a view to presenting to the next Legislature certain constitutional changes which will give to cities of the first class certain elements of local self-government, and allow any city which may so elect to appoint an executive commission for the management of its administrative affairs.

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C. & O. SHOWS BIG REVENUE INCREASE

Statement for Past Fiscal Year Shows Large Profit on Freight.

EXPENSES RIGIDLY CUT

More Than Half-Million-Dollar Decrease in Passenger Receipts.

By a policy of rigid cutting of expenses, coupled with a growing revenue in business, the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway's annual statement, issued yesterday by Comptroller L. F. Sullivan, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1909, shows an increase in net operating revenue of \$1,607,354.73, or 13 per cent, as compared with the preceding year. After deducting all operating expenses, the net operating revenue for the year was \$1,263,879.83, as compared with \$8,556,525.10 in the year preceding. The proportion of expenses to gross revenue this year was 61.5 per cent, compared with a proportion of 66.5 per cent, last year, a decrease of five points in proportion, or 8 per cent.

Freight revenue has been an increase of \$9.2 in the number of miles operated, the road now having a mileage of 1,890.5.

The operating revenues for the year were as follows: Freight revenue, \$20,855,511.31; passenger revenue, \$1,607,354.73, or 13 per cent, as compared with the preceding year, \$1,139,699.76; non-transportation revenue, \$124,602.48, making a total operating revenue of \$22,650,717.78, as compared with a total last year of \$25,843,272.27, an increase of \$787,445.51, or 3 per cent.

Freight revenue shows an increase of \$1,313,022.04, while passenger revenue shows a decrease of \$333,524.30.

Operating expenses of all sorts, including maintenance of way and equipment, and transportation and traffic expenses, amounted to \$16,670,722.48, as compared with a total operating expense last year of \$17,186,747.17, a decrease in expense of operation of \$515,999.22, or 5 per cent. The statement shows the net operating revenue to have been \$1,263,879.83.

After deducting interest, taxes and other fixed charges, extending to \$6,752,722.48, there is left a surplus this year of \$1,012,127.17. Last year the net operating revenue was \$8,556,525.10; the interest, taxes and fixed charges, \$5,872,138.59, leaving a surplus of \$2,784,386.51, showing an increase of the surplus of \$1,772,258.34, or 64 per cent, as compared with the preceding year of \$1,272,406.66, or 44 per cent.

A Good Showing. Throughout the Chesapeake and Ohio Building there is a general feeling that the showing made is exceptionally good, especially in view of the fact that the large increase in freight receipts, much of which is said to have been in the last six months of the year.

The statement for the month of June, the last month of the fiscal year, was also issued yesterday by Comptroller L. F. Sullivan.

Operating revenues showed an increase in every item, the total being \$2,417,592.66, as compared with \$1,923,424.50, an increase of \$494,168.16, or 25 per cent. Freight revenues showed an increase of 22 per cent, and passenger revenue of 13 per cent. The total operating revenue of the month was \$1,607,354.73, or 13 per cent, as compared with the preceding month of \$1,139,699.76, or 3 per cent.

Operating expenses for June amounted to \$1,461,327.04, as compared with \$1,357,710.27, an increase of \$103,616.77, or 8 per cent.

The net operating revenue was \$956,256.62, as compared with \$565,714.23, an increase in earnings for the month of \$390,542.39, or 69 per cent. The proportion of expenses to gross revenue for the month was 60.4 per cent, as compared with 70.5 per cent, for the same month last year.

OPEN OLD CORNER-STONE Search for Masonic Emblems in Box at Old Valley School Building.

Under direction of Potentate Thos. B. McAdams, Councilman John T. Powers and others, the corner-stone of the old Valley School building, at Fifteenth and Marshall Streets, now being demolished to make room for the new city incinerator, will be opened to-day, and the contents examined for relics of interest to Masonry. The structure is believed to be the oldest freestone building in the city, and is regarded as probable that the corner-stone will contain relics and papers of historic value.

Petition in Bankruptcy. In the United States Court yesterday, Charles L. Harvey, of Northumberland, and Thomas J. Downing, of Lancaster, filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy. Mr. Harvey is a merchant at Harvey's Wharf. The amount involved is small.

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